



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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Reply To  
Attn Of: OW-130

Jeanne Hanson  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration  
National Marine Fisheries Services  
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RE: John M. Asplund Water Pollution Control Facility  
Municipality of Anchorage

Dear Ms. Hanson:

We requested a list of threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) from your agency in June, 1999 and you provided us with a list sent to the above referenced facility in spring 1998. The purpose of this letter is to request a new updated ESA species list. In addition, we would like to coordinate closely with your office to better understand the requirements for the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation and to determine the EFH species that are found in the project area.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in the process of developing a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit reissuance for the above referenced facility. In association with the NPDES permit, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has submitted to EPA State adopted site-specific criteria (SSC) for metals for the upper Cook Inlet - Point Woronzoff area. EPA has the responsibility to review and approve or disapprove any water quality standards revisions including SSC developed and adopted by Alaska DEC. EPA reissuance of the NPDES permit and EPA approval of SSC are considered federal actions which are subject to the consultation under the EFH requirements and Section 7 of the ESA. To assist us in drafting the NPDES permit and reviewing the water quality standards revisions, we would like to know if there are any threatened or endangered species under your jurisdiction present at the specific location of the discharge or within the area delineated as the "site" where the SSC apply.

Please provide us a list of any threatened or endangered species or EFH species present at the following source location or within the site. The specific geographic information for the NPDES permit follows :

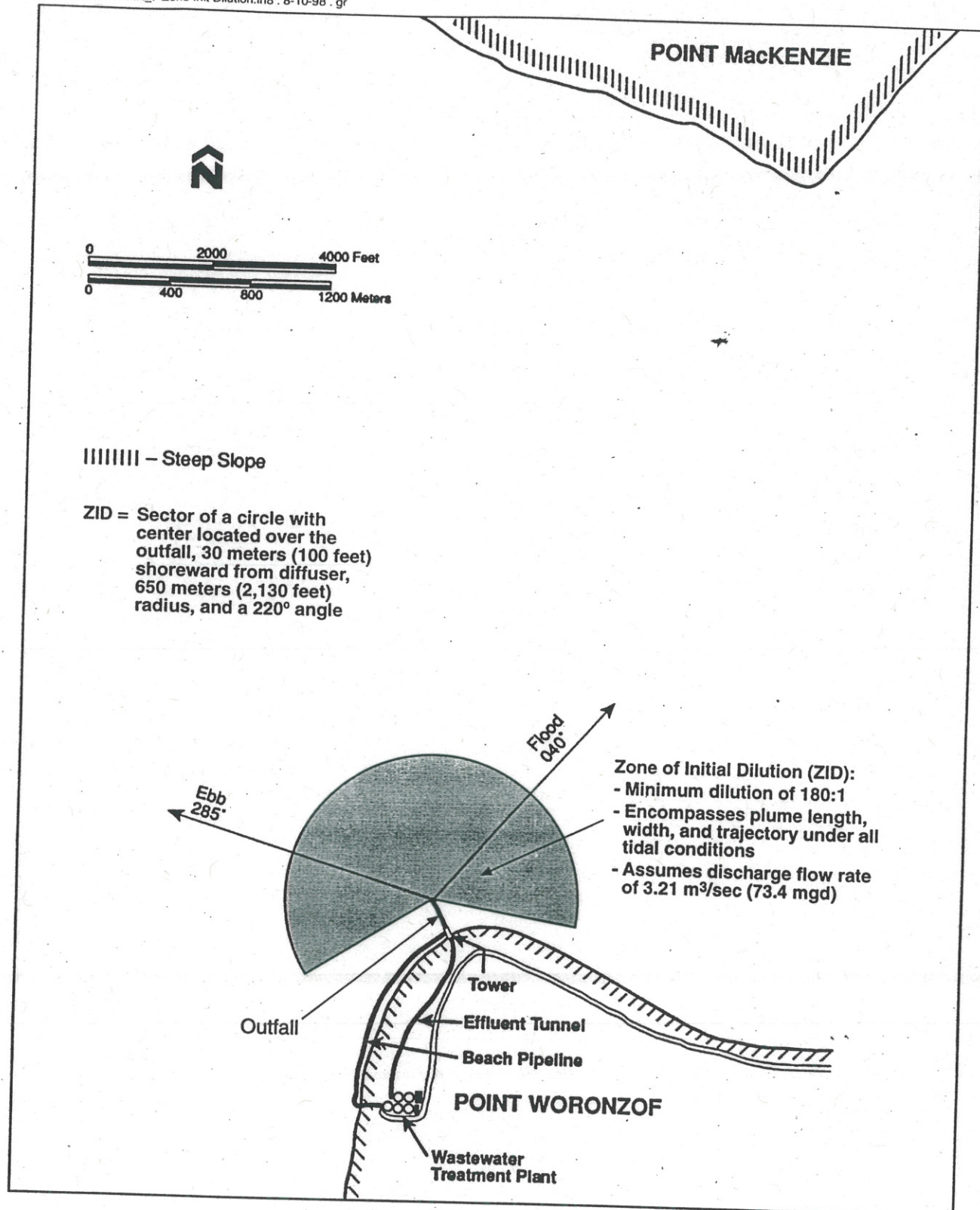


Figure IIIA-7  
The Zone of Initial Dilution for the Point Woronzof Outfall



